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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated April 8, 2002 for which a shortened statutory period for response of one-month is set to expire on May 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated April 8, 2002, the Examiner has requested an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I - (i.e., Claims 1-25 drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 604, subclass 27); and

Group II - (i.e., Claim 26, drawn to a method of use, classified in Class 128, subclass 898).